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1. SUMMARY. THIS TELEGRAM PRESENTS DEPARTMENT RESPONSE TO
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EMBASSY PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR LANGUAGE IN DUTCH DIPLOMATIC
CLEARANCE LETTER FOR FORTHCOMING USS VIRGINIA VISIT. TELE-
GRAM ALSO PROPOSES SEVERAL ALTERNATIVES TO RESOLVING CON-
CERNING OVER LANGUAGE IN BARK AUTHORIZATION DOCUMENT. END
SUMMARY.

2. REFTEL A, ADVISED THAT DUTCH HAD PROPOSED USE OF THE

WORD QUOTE STATEMENT END QUOTE VICE QUOTE ASSURANCES END QUOTE IN THE DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE FOR USS VIRGINIA. PROPOSED WORD CHANGE WAS IN RESPONSE TO CONCERN RAISED IN REFTEL B OVER LANGUAGE USED IN CLEARANCE FOR USS CALIFORNIA. USE OF QUOTE STATEMENT UNQUOTE IS CONSIDERED AN ACCEPTABLE FORMULATION TO AVOID ANY APPEARANCE THAT US HAS GIVEN DUTCH SOME ASSURANCE BEYOND THAT CONTAINED IN STANDARD STATEMENT.

EMBASSY IS THEREFORE AUTHORIZED TO INFORM MFA THAT THIS LANGUAGE WILL BE ACCEPTABLE IN FUTURE NOTES. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO REQUEST THAT THESE NOTES CONTINUE TO BE CLASSIFIED.

3. APART FROM THE CONTENTS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE FOR NPW VISITS THERE IS LINGERING CONCERN OVER THE BARK AUTHORIZATION DOCUMENT THAT WE EXPECT TO BE ISSUED FOR THE VIRGINIA VISIT. REFTTEL C CITED THE SPECIFIC POINTS CAUSING DIFFICULTY IN THE BARK AUTHORIZATION, DATED JUNE 2, 1978; WHICH APPLIED TO THE USS CALIFORNIA VISIT TO ROTTERDAM JUNE 27 THROUGH 3 JULY 1978. REFTTEL C ALSO CONTAINED AN EXPLANATION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF OBTAINING AT LEAST A MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING OF THE INTENT OF THE BARK WORDING, AND OBTAINING REVISED WORDING FOR FUTURE VISITS. PARA 7 OF REFTTEL C PROVIDED US NAVATT WITH A DETAILED DISCUSSION OF THE TECHNICAL ISSUE INVOLVED IN THE WORDING OF PARA II C OF THE JUNE 1978 BARK DOCUMENT.

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4. REFTTEL D INDICATED THAT GON ELIMINATED THE WORDS REGARDING THE US STANDARD STATEMENT FROM PARA IIC OF THE 1978 BARK AUTHORIZATION AS REDUNDANT SINCE REFERENCE HAD BEEN MADE TO THE STANDARD STATEMENT IN THE SECOND PARAGRAPH. IN REFTTEL E, NAVATT QUOTED A WRITTEN RESPONSE FROM DUTCH NAVY WHICH RESTATES THE GON RATIONALE FOR DELETING THE PORTION OF PARA IIC. IN PROVIDING THIS WRITTEN CONFIRMATION, RNLN MADE SEVERAL AMPLIFYING REMARKS WHICH, IF REDUCED TO WRITING, WOULD ALLEVIATE REMAINING CONCERNS.

5. TWO POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION ARE SUGGESTED.

A. REQUEST RNLN PROVIDE US NAVATT WITH A MEMO BASED ON PARAS 4 AND 5 OF REFTTEL D STATING THAT QUOTE THE VISIT OF A U.S. NPW TO A DUTCH PORT IS APPROVED BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS BASED SOLELY ON THE ASSURANCES PROVIDED IN THE US STANDARD STATEMENT AND THE US PUBLIC LAW 93-513. THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE DOES NOT REQUIRE, OR IMPOSE, ANY SPECIFIC ASSURANCE REGARDING RADIOACTIVE DISCHARGES EXCEEDING THAT CONTAINED IN PARA 2 OF THE US STANDARD STATEMENT. THERE IS NO INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN THE BARK AUTHORIZATION

LETTERS ISSUED FOR EACH VISIT AND THE STANDARD STATEMENT
ASSURANCES. END QUOTE

B. AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO AVOID REQUESTING FURTHER MEMOS OF
THE GON, EMBASSY MAY PREFER TO HAVE US NAVATT PRESENT RNLN
A MEMO WHICH CONTAINS THE SAME TEXT AS ABOVE, WITH AN AP-
PROPRIATE OPENING. SUCH A NOTE LESS COMPLIMENTARY OPENING
AND CLOSING WOULD READ: QUOTE BASED ON THE CONVERSATION
BETWEEN THE U.S. DEFENSE ATTACHE AND THE RNLN, WE HAVE BEEN

ASSURED THAT THE VISIT OF A U.S. NPW TO A DUTCH PORT IS
APPROVED BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS BASED SOLELY
ON THE ASSURANCES PROVIDED IN THE U.S. STANDARD STATEMENT
AND THE U.S. PUBLIC LAW 93-513. IT IS THEREFORE OUR UNDER-
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STANDING THAT THE NETHERLANDS MINISTRY OF DEFENSE DOES NOT
REQUIRE, OR IMPOSE, ANY SPECIFIC ASSURANCE REGARDING RADIO-
ACTIVE DISCHARGES EXCEEDING THAT CONTAINED IN PARA 2 OF THE
U.S. STANDARD STATEMENT. THERE IS NO INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN
THE BARK AUTHORIZATION LETTERS ISSUED FOR EACH VISIT AND
THE STANDARD STATEMENT ASSURANCES.

6. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO APPROACH APPROPRIATE SECTIONS
OF THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT TO PROPOSE THIS CLARIFYING MEMO
PRIOR TO GON DELIVERY OF THE BARK AUTHORIZATION FOR THE
VIRGINIA VISIT. IF POSSIBLE, FROM DISCUSSIONS IN THE DE-
PARTMENT AND WITH DEFENSE WE BELIEVE THIS MEMO OF UNDER-
STANDING WOULD PERMIT THE BARK DOCUMENT TEXT USED FOR THE
RECENT VISIT BY USS CALIFORNIA TO BE USED FOR ANY VISITING
US NPW. THEREFORE, YOU MAY WISH TO APPROACH THE GON ON
THE BASIS OF OBTAINING CLARIFICATION FOR A GENERALIZED BARK
DOCUMENT. IN EITHER CASE, WE BELIEVE EARLY RESOLUTION IS
DESIRABLE.

7. THIS MESSAGE COORDINATED WITH DEFENSE. CHRISTOPHER

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